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## HONEYMOON NEAR CAPITAL

## Washington Filling Up With Visitors for

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—It was said to-night, upon authority regarded as trustworthy, that after the wedding in the White House to-morrow Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth will go to the country place of John

R. McLean of this city and Cincinnati, just outside of Washington, and spend part of their honeymoon there. Mr. McLean's suburban residence is the finest estate in this vicinity. Its name is Friendship.

It extends for a considerable distance along the Tenleytown road, just north of Georgetown, the old portion of Washington, and is close by Red Top, the suburban residence which President Cleveland occupied in his first Administration.

The house is a roomy, old-fashioned affair, a remodeled colonial residence which was owned for considerably more than a hundred years by the Jesuit fathers and used by members of that order for a summer retreat. Miss Roosevelt has frequently been to Friendship. When Mr. McLean was asked to-night as to the truth of the statement that the bride and groom would go to his country place after the ceremony, he said:

The United States yacht Sylyph, which has been frequently used by the Roosevelt family for brief excursions on the Potomac River, and has usually been stationed at Oyster Bay in the summer season since Mr. Roosevelt has been President, is at the Washington navy yard, and the fact that repairs which had been ordered on the vessel will not now be begun until after February 20, seems to lend color to the belief pre-

The town is filling up with visitors who have come here on account of the Longworth-Roosevelt wedding. Although admission to the White House has been restricted to a comparatively few hundred persons from out of town.

have come to Washington apparently to share in the holiday spirit which prevails throughout the capital, but with no hope of seeing either the bride or the bridegroom, or anything pertaining to the ceremony except the long line of carriages in which the guests will go to and from the White House.

The great increase in the number of strangers was very noticeable in the Capitol and other public buildings, and the groups that gathered around the White House

during the day were evidently composed mainly of persons who were here temporarily. A striking feature of this influx of strangers was that a considerable portion of them was composed of brides and bride-grooms. Washington has been a mecca for bridal couples for many years, but the number now here is unusually large, sufficiently so to cause comment.

The fashionable hotels are lined with out of town guests invited to the wedding. The White House is comfortably crowded with Roosevelt relatives. Mr. Longworth and his mother are entertaining some of their kinsfolk, while at many other private

To-night has been given over mainly to dinner parties in honor of the approaching nuptials. Many members of Washington society are entertaining companies composed of those from out of town who have come in response to the invitation from the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

There never was a social affair in Washington that created such a stir as this. Many have remarked that the capital has taken on a bit of the liveliness that prevails at inauguration time.

Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth were the guests at two parties to-night. The first was a dinner at the Alhambra.

The first was dinner at the Elmer Club on I street, of which the host was Major Charles McCawley of the Marine Corps, one of the White House social aides and an old friend of Miss Roosevelt and her father. The second event of the evening was a reception given by Senator John Keen of New Jersey, who is a relative of

Miss Roosevelt by marriage, to which several hundred people were invited. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained a company of relatives and intimate friends at the White House this evening.

Miss Roosevelt had a busy day of it. She went out driving in the morning in a closed carriage and was thus able to success-

fully run the gamut of the small army of photographers who hung around the White House waiting to get snapshots of members of the wedding party who might appear. The bride to be spent most of the

day at home receiving relatives and those who privileged ones among her friends who were invited to call on this last day of her single blessedness. Very few of these callers were able to see the magnificent display of wedding presents in the White House library, for quite early in the day they were turned away to the study of a royal

were turned over to the custody of a local art dealer, whose assistants packed them for storage. The jewels in the collection, representing tens of thousands of dollars in value, were sent to the Riggs National Bank for safe keeping, while the rest of the presents were deposited with the American Security and Trust Company.

One of Miss Roosevelt's visitors to-day was Señor Quesada, the Cuban Minister who came by appointment to present Cuba's superb gift to the bride, consisting of jewels purchased at a cost of \$55,000. This gift embraces sixty-one perfectly matched and very large and brilliant diamonds, made into a necklace. The clasp is set with dia-

monds so large that each of them would make a handsome setting for a solitaire ring. The necklace was enclosed in a case of white satin, upon which were the bride's initials, "A. L. R.," in gold scrollwork. Inscribed below it, also in gold letters, is this legend:

The rehearsal for the wedding took place this afternoon with the full Marine Band.

this afternoon with the full Marine band orchestra, which played the entire programme of music selected for to-morrow. The rehearsal was not actually a representa-

tion of the wedding procession and the other features of the marriage celebration but it was in the nature of the delivery of

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